* As the cut off date for completion of disbursement for the year 2006-07 has been extended upto 30.06.07 therefore most of the State/UTs have not furnished the utilisation certificates of funds for the year 2006-07

Note 1: Under the PMRY, funds are released for Subsidy and, Entrepreneurial Development(ED) purposes. The funds for subsidy are authorised to RBI and the RBI releases these funds to the Implementing banks.

The State-wise details of funds released for subsidy are not available till 2005-06. As per information furnished by RBI, the subsidy amounting to Rs. 1.43 crore (Provisional) has been defrayed to the implementing banks in Andhra Pradesh during 2006-07. The funds for ED *i.e.*; Training and Contingency etc. are released to States/UTs.

Note 2: Surplus/Deficit of previous years are adjusted in subsequent years.

Statement-II

Status of progress under PMRY in the State of Andhra Pradesh during last four years

(Rs.in lakhs)

Year	Target of cases for disbursement of loans (No.)	Applications Sanctioned by banks (No.)	Amount	Cases Disbursed by banks (No.)	Amount	Estimated employment generated#
2003-2004	36800	23291	14472.90	17729	11125.44	26594
2004-2005	43000	25002	17789.36	22542	14718.59	33813
2005-2006	43000	27343	17194.87	21334	12604.92	32001
2006-2007**	43000	18665	11345.70	11668	7299.42	17502
TOTAL:	165800	94301	60802.83	73273	45748.37	109910

Source: RBI

** Provisional

estimated employment generated @1.5 per case disbursed.

High speed train

2721. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had decided to implement high speed train in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have asked for demonstration of high-speed corridor and technological upgradation and how many companies had come forward for this project, including International agencies;

(d) whether Government would be able to arrange the required fund for this mega project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (b) As per the Budget speech 2007-08, it was announced that Ministry of Railways will conduct pre-feasibility studies for construction of high speed

passenger corridors, equipped with state of the art signalling and train control systems, for running high speed trains of 300 to 350 kms per hour; one each in the Northern, Western, Southern and Eastern regions of the country. The issue of implementation will be examined later.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. However, the high speed train corridors being highly capital intensive, Railways will find it difficult to fund the project fully. Therefore, all modes of financing such as public private partnership, funding by State Government etc. will be explored.

Direct train from Delhi to Lahore

2722. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Attari station, the important terminal of Samjhouta Express is not in a good shape and what steps are being taken for its improvement;

(b) whether there is any proposal to have a direct train from Delhi to Lahore, like the direct bus; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Attari station is in good shape. For further improvements of the station, however, following works have been sanctioned:

(i) 'Upgradation of Attari station' at a cost of Rs. 17.68 crores.

(ii) Improvement to waiting hall, booking counter and additional toilets at a cost of Rs. 52.08 lakhs.

(b) and (c) Train no. 4001/4002 Delhi-Attari Link Express running between Delhi and Attari and Train No. 4607/4608 Samjhouta Express between Attari and Lahore (Bi-weekly) are presently available.

At present, there is no proposal to introduce any new train from Delhi to Lahore.

Electrification of rail track in Assam

2723. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal for electrification of railway track in Assam;

(b) if so, what is the status of such proposal; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?,

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Electrification of Barauni-Katihar-Guwahati rail line, part of which falls in Assam, is under examination in Planning Commission.